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### ***“Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.” Ends with Approximately 11,000 Citations Issued for Impaired Driving and Other Violations***

INDIANAPOLIS, IN. – The Governor’s Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving and the Traffic Safety Division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) announced today the results of the recently concluded *“Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.”* Labor Day crackdown. Approximately 11,000 citations were issued statewide as a result of the increased enforcement during the impaired driving mobilization that began on August 17 and concluded on September 9.

In north central Indiana, nearly 1,400 hours of overtime were put in by more than 130 officers during the campaign. These officers issued more than 1,300 citations for impaired driving and other moving violations. “Impaired driving has far reaching ramifications. It does not just start and stop with the person behind the wheel driving impaired,” said Mike Cunegin, executive director of ICJI. “As a former law enforcement officer, I know first hand that a crash involving an impaired driver is devastating. What is even more tragic is that these crashes are clearly preventable.”

According to the Traffic Safety Alcohol Fact Sheet from the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, 273 people, out of 899 total fatalities, lost their lives in traffic crashes in Indiana in 2006 due to an impaired driver. “Although this statistic is disturbing, I remain encouraged by the aggressive efforts of Indiana law enforcement and their continued crackdown on impaired drivers,” said Ryan Klitzsch, Traffic Safety division director at ICJI.

“I am confident high-visibility enforcement and intense media coverage deployed during this (DUI) campaign worked to heighten the public’s awareness of the dangers of impaired driving. However, drivers should be aware that sustained drunk driving enforcement will continue beyond this campaign,” Klitzsch concluded.

This year’s *“Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.”* enforcement crackdown benefited Hoosiers in many ways. While its primary purpose was to deter impaired driving through high-visibility enforcement, the mobilization also countered other potential traffic hazards, and rid local streets and neighborhoods of criminal activity. Following is a breakdown of significant arrests that occurred as a result of Indiana’s increased DUI enforcement efforts:

County	Department	Significant Events & Arrests
Carroll	Carroll Co. Traffic Safety Partnership	1 arrest for possession of marijuana, 3 arrests for consumption of alcohol by a minor, 2 arrests for public intoxication, 2 arrests for driving while suspended/prior, 1 arrest for invasion of privacy, 1 arrest for maintaining a common nuisance, 2 arrests for visiting a common nuisance, 1 arrest for

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		reckless possession of paraphernalia.
Clinton	Clinton Co. SD	Officer had a vehicle stopped along side of the road, a second vehicle stopped and yelled at the officer about the initial stop. Officer smelled a strong odor of alcohol from the vehicle and directed the driver of the second vehicle to pull to the side of the road. While pulling to the side of the road, the driver fled. The officer followed, the suspect then lost control of the vehicle and crashed. With only minor injuries, the suspect fled on foot. Suspect was later caught by the officer and arrested.
LaPorte	LaPorte Co. PD	8 misdemeanor arrests, 2 arrests for driving without a license, 3 arrests for failure to stop at and accident, 1 public intoxication arrest, 1 arrest for resisting law enforcement, 1 arrest for alcohol beverage commission violation, 2 curfew violations.
Marshall	Culver PD	Culver PD arrested a subject who had five misdemeanors and one felony warrant. Another vehicle was pulled over for driving left of center, the driver was found to be in violation of Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) under a controlled substance, a passenger in the same vehicle was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.
Tipton	Tipton PD	A female subject was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated (OWI), she had previously been arrested on August 1, 2007 for the same (OWI) offense. A male driver was arrested for OWI and driving while suspended with priors.
Wabash	Wabash PD	A Wabash police officer stopped a vehicle for a loud exhaust. The driver was found to be a habitual traffic violator (HTV) and was arrested at the scene.
White	Monticello PD	Officers made 3 possession of marijuana arrests. Officers also got into a vehicle pursuit with a suspect involved in a stabbing. Stop sticks were deployed which deflated the tires on the suspect's vehicle. Suspect was subsequently arrested.

The national *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* impaired driving crackdown is a prevention program organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity.

*The Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving serves as the public opinion catalyst and the implementing body for statewide action to reduce death and injury on Indiana roadways. The Council provides grant funding, training, coordination and ongoing support to state and local traffic safety advocates through funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.*

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